

Drum Majors

The Drum Major is third (3rd) in command of the band. They are to be treated with respect to his/her rank by all members of the band. He/she is in command on the field and during rehearsals if a Director is not present. He/she will do all warm ups for the band.

The Drum Majors must be at all assemblies of the band at least 15 minutes BEFORE the time set for the entire band to arrive. He/she are direct messengers of the Director and neglect of his/her duties will result in immediate disciplinary action.

The Drum Major is chosen each year by the Band Director. Those desiring to become Drum Major must be a current freshman, sophomore or Junior. The persons selected are the most qualified based on playing ability, musical knowledge and leadership abilities.

All students will tryout each year.

Requirements

1. **Recommendation of Director.**
2. **Be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior for the upcoming year.**
3. **Have a minimum of at least ONE year in the Roscoe Marching Band**
4. **Have demonstrated outstanding musical knowledge and playing ability on assigned instrument.**
5. **Any additional requirements as set forth by Roscoe CISD policies**
 - a) Personality
 - b) Attitude
 - c) Thinking on your feet

The Drum Major will attend a summer camp at his/her expense. The Director will decide where the Drum Major will attend.

The required uniform worn by the Drum Major is decided upon by the Band Director.

A Drum Major may be removed from his/her position for ANY of the following reasons:

1. Suspension from the school
2. Consistent tardiness
3. Horseplay in the band hall
4. Insubordination
5. Excessive abuse of authority
6. Personal attacks on other band members and/or staff
7. Dishonesty

8. Two unexcused absences from performances
9. Fail any class any 6 weeks period

Section Leaders

The first (1st) chair person in each section serves as the section leader. An eighth grade student may sit first chair; however, he/she will not fulfill the duties of the section leaders due to a lack of high school band experience. Section leaders are responsible for calling extra sectionals when they and the Director believe extra practice time is needed. Section leaders are responsible for running these sectionals if the Director is not available. All section rehearsals will be conducted on the high school campus with the approval of the Director. Extra sectionals need to be scheduled two (2) days before they will occur in order for the proper personnel to be duly notified.

Section leaders are also responsible for reporting absences in their sections to the Band Captain, who is fourth (4th) in command. Section Leaders may also edit music for members within their sections.

A Section Leader holds an important position in the band. They are the leaders of their section and section members are expected to treat them with respect. Listen to what your section leader tells you. They do serve as messengers for the Director.

Flag Corps (not for 2021-2022)

The flag corps is chosen each spring by audition. Membership will be upcoming school year. The audition is open to all band students who will be in grades 10-12 (9-11 current years) for the upcoming school year.

You must meet certain requirements in order to tryout and must maintain these in order to remain on the line (grades, playing ability, and attitude). Remember: You are band members first. The flag does not take the place of your instrument. Flags will play their instruments at football games and pep rallies. (Make sure your instrument gets there.) No instrument means you will not perform the halftime.

Qualified judges from outside the area are selected to judge the tryout selection. These judges are quite knowledgeable with regards to flag corps selection procedures. The only connection that they have with Jim Ned CSID is their business association with Mr. Ray.

Each member must purchase his/her own shoes, gloves and socks to every game or performance.

Flag Corp members must rehearse with the band and also attend an additional one and a half (1 ½) hour rehearsal each week. Attendance at Flag Corp rehearsal is mandatory in order to achieve the excellence we are striving in our performance.

Attendance at summer camps, at the Corp member's own expense, is required. The Head Director will select the camp that members will attend.

Flag Corp members are a vital part of the band and its activities. Though each member is unique individual, they must all work well TOGETHER AS A UNIT. Each member must have and show respect for themselves and each other and above all have and show respect for the Flag Captain.

Flag Officers

Captain

Eligibility requirements

-1 year on JN flag line-

Lieutenant

-1 year on line-

*1 Officer for each 3 members

(1 officer – up to 5 members, 2 officers 6+ members)

REASONS FOR REMOVAL FROM FLAG LINE

Any line member can be removed from their respective position if the Director deems is necessary.

1. Constant griping and complaining
2. Not attending rehearsals or being consistently late
3. Consistent violation of minor rules
4. Consistently falling short of the required standards
5. Constant negative attitude
6. Consistent mistakes in routines

7. Being ineligible
8. Unnecessary parental intrusion

Eligibility Status

All band activities, rehearsals, and other community functions held after school hours are considered to be extra-curricular with the exception of the Christmas and Spring Concerts. If you become ineligible at any time during the year, you will not be allowed to attend any of these functions. If you are eligible, yet you do not attend the rehearsals and performances as expected, you WILL BE REMOVED from the performing group by the Director.

Marching Season

***** During the school year, band meets 1st period every day.
You are considered tardy if not in your designated place at
7:55am*****

Monday----Inside

Tuesday----Field----7:55am

Wednesday----Field----7:55am

Thursday----Field----7:55am (Memorization day)

Friday----Field----7:55am

THURSDAY IS MEMORIZATION DAY – NO MUSIC ON FIELD – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

If you are unable to attend a rehearsal or must be late, call your officer, Drum Major, Mr. Ray or someone and refer to the section on “ABSENCES”. It is better to call than not to call at all (even if you are only going to be a few minutes late.) **YOU ARE TO ATTEND REHEARSALS EVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PLAY OR MARCH.** A list of VITNL (very important telephone numbers) is at the back of the handbook. You will also receive a “refrigerator” list to have at home. Get those numbers in your phone!

The percussion section will be required to attend extra rehearsals in order to learn cadences and combos to be played in the stands.

YOU ARE TO CARRY Apron, MUSIC, CHARTS, MARCHING CHIPS, AND PENCIL (NOT PEN) TO ALL REHEARSALS. THIS MEANS THAT YOU MUST HAVE THESE NECESSARY ITEMS FOR ALL INDOOR, OUTDOOR AND SECTION REHEARSALS. Daily checks will be done and it WILL affect your grade as to whether you have the required materials or not.

Everyone is required to bring tennis shoes or band shoes to march in during marching rehearsals. This protects your school shoes and also more practical when students are in heels. We do clean the Band Hall at the end of the year and anything left is thrown away. I have disposed of some very nice tennis shoes and expensive clothing that went unclaimed. Do NOT let this happen to you. The band hall is not a place to store your junk or other school subject stuff!!!

*****If you fail to have the proper shoes twice in one week you will not perform the half time show on Friday night. You may help with equipment or sit in the stands. Also your daily grade will be affected for not having the proper equipment.*****

Always have your parents here to pick you up at the stated quitted time. If everyone gives their full cooperation and undivided attention, we can get through early and leave early. We try never to go over time and leave late, so please cooperate with us and we will leave on time. DON'T use cell phones during our rehearsal time – action WILL BE taken if this becomes a problem.

Football Games

DON'T BE ON TIME – BE EARLY!

~ Music for Show **MUST, MUST, MUST BE MEMORIZED**~

Drum Major is **ALWAYS** in charge

The band performs at ALL football games, including any play-off games. You are required to be in attendance at all of them. When you leave the group, you must have one or more Band Buddies! Never go anywhere alone! ALL football players/cheerleaders **WILL** march HALFTIME – make arrangements for your instrument!! (Plan on Thanksgiving weekend)

A copy of the **FOOTBALL TRIP SCHEDULE** is included at the end of this handbook. An additional copy for you and your refrigerator will be given to you to take home. The stand arrival time is the time at which you are ready to **GO**. At **home** games, this means having your complete uniform on and your horn put together ready to march into the stadium. At **AWAY** games, this means being in your seat on the bus with all of your equipment (uniform, instrument, music) where it should be.

We leave at the stated time. **DON'T BE LATE!!! WE DO NOT WAIT FOR ANYONE!!!** Once the wheels of the bus start moving we will not stop for you.

Away Games

Upon arrival for **AWAY** games, you **MUST** draw one single line through your name on the **BUS** sign-up sheet. **YOU WILL THEN REPORT TO YOUR OFFICER FOR UNIFORM INSPECTION.** After passing inspection you should then make sure that your horn is in the designated loading area.

Home Games

Report Times: 7:30 Games (Non-District)

Drum Major, Officer and Staff ~ 5:15 pm

**All others be in band hall, in uniform (for inspection)
at 5:45 pm**

Report Times 7:00 Games (District)

Drum Major, Officers and Staff 4:45 pm

**All others be in band hall, in uniform (for inspection)
at 5:15 pm**

Upon arrival, IMMEDIATELY report to your officer for uniform inspection. Any extra equipment for stand use must be loaded onto the bus at this time. After inspection, get your music and equipment together and be prepared to move to the stadium.

**BE IN YOUR SEAT WARMED – UP, TUNED AND READY TO PLAY AT 6:00 PM Non
District Game**

5:30 District Game

Problems with tardiness @ anytime – No 3rd quarter

~DON'T BE ON TIME... BE EARLY... TO BE ON TIME IS TO BE LATE~

Mr. Ray will not be a HAPPY CAMPER if you are late. He is usually a jolly short man, lets keep him that way! Pre-game ceremonies start with or without us... home or away. We MUST BE ON TIME. Do not embarrass yourself or our community.

The band parades into the stadium at ALL home games. You are not allowed to leave after the game until we return to the buses or the Band Hall and you are dismissed. Upon entering the stands, everyone will remain standing until the entire band is in place. You will then be given a signal to take your hats off and be seated. Everyone is to remain seated in their own sections. Stay off the drums.

→ BAND MEMEBERS ONLY IN THE BAND SECTION!

(This also means NO parents, ect.)

The band must stand and act in a respectful manner for the prayer. For the opposing school song you will be called to parade rest. This will be for all games. The band will stand at attention for the Star- Spangled Banner at all AWAY games.

NO FOOD is allowed in the stands except 3rd quarter (water ONLY in the stands). Drinks – 3rd quarter ONLY. NO BIG RED. Students will be allowed an individual restroom break during the game – STRAIGHT THERE and STRIAGHT BACK. Water coolers will be provided, along with cups, to keep you from dying of thirst. Continued problems with tardiness will result in the loss of 3rd quarter privileges. NOTE: If you should spill something on someone else’s uniform or instrument, you are responsible for any cleaning or repair costs. Don’t ignore a spill, particularly on a horn. Let the Director know immediately. Everyone should be sure to go to the restroom before we enter the stands so that individual breaks are not wasted during the first quarter. We should arrive at out-of-town games in plenty of time for you to take care of anything and everything.

Parade into the stadium

The band will march into the stadium at ALL Home football games. All band members, including alternates, will participate in full uniform.

Alternates

Anyone who is not performing on the field Friday night is considered an alternate for that week. Alternates must follow ALL rules and regulations that apply to performing band members. Alternates must participate in the parade into the stadium, must wear full uniform, and carry their instrument to play in the stands.

If the band is standing, the alternates must stand, this applies to all situations, including going to the restroom and going to get drinks.

Out of the stands

When any band member is out of the stands he/she is to be in Travel Uniform or full uniform completely on. Get permission from your Section leader first.

Marching Band

The course offered in Roscoe Collegiate ISD in the fall semester is Marching Band. Therefore, you will be expected to march and attend ALL extracurricular activities involving marching. **Parades are mandatory.**

Travel

→ ALWAYS TAKE SOMEONE WITH YOU. NEVER, EVER, EVER GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT A BAND BUDDY. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT WITHOUT A BAND BUDDY YOU WILL LOSE THIRD QUARTER PRIVALEGES. THIS IS NOT NEGOTIABLE!!!!!!

Everyone should be on the bus, in your assigned seat, ready to leave, at least 5 minutes BEFORE the stated time to depart. Once the wheels of the bus start rolling, they don't stop for anyone.

Couples are not allowed to sit together on the bus!

When you arrive at the band hall, draw one single line through your name on the signup sheet then report for uniform inspection.

- Band members report to your section leader
- Section leader report to your officers
- Band officers report to band captain
- Band captain to drum major
- Drum major to Head Quartermaster

Not sure about uniform inspection? -SEE UNIFORM CHECKLIST

After passing uniform inspection it is your responsibility for your instrument being placed in the designated loading area. (Left side of trailer) If your horn is not in the area, immediately behind or beside the back of the instrument trailer it WILL NOT be loaded. The loading crew WILL NOT load your instrument if it is in the band hall, your car, the moon, or any other location outside the designated area. Upon arrival home the loading crew will unload your instrument but will not be responsible for getting it inside the Band hall. **That is your responsibility!**

The loading crew will load and unload the instruments. A clean-up crew of 4 people will also be selected for each trip. (Alphabetically) Upon our return, these individuals will make sure the buses are clean and ready to return to the Transportation Department.

You are also responsible for your uniform being carried in the school issued garment bag. You are expected to treat the garment bag with the same care as your uniform. If the bag is damaged due to your neglect, you will purchase a new one. Your travel uniform, to be worn on the bus, consists of your band shirt, band pants, band shoes, LONG black socks unless otherwise specified. You will put the uniform coat on once we reach our destination. DO NOT get dressed while the bus is in motion. **Uniform not right, fix it or call home for someone to come get you.**

Always remain seated while the bus is in motion and do not unload until given permission. This also applies when we return from any trip. This is for SAFETY. **When someone steps to the front of the bus to speak, everyone is to get quiet immediately and listen.** You may miss something that is very important and by not listening you can jeopardize yourself and your fellow band members.

If you are riding home with your parent(s) from an out-of-town trip, they must come to the bus to get you. This is non-negotiable. You will be dismissed first. After being dismissed, your parents(s) must sign you out before taking you away. Once you leave with your parent(s), the school is no longer responsible for your safety or actions. Riding home with someone besides a parent or legal guardian must be approved **BEFORE** we leave Roscoe Collegiate High School. A note stating who will be taking responsibility for you must be signed by a parent and a principle. **This will be approved only for extreme circumstances.** Don't wait until the last minute on a Friday to bring a note. Make sure you get those notes into the Band Office BEFORE Friday. LACK OF PREPERATION ON YOUR PART DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY ON MINE.

When roll is called, everyone is to be seated in their appropriate seat. This is done so we can see you and be sure that it is indeed you who is telling us you are here. This means YOU, and only you, are to answer when your name is called.

Food and Drink and entertainment

Food and drink will be allowed on the bus provided all trash of any kind is picked up by the designated students after each trip. Failure to keep the buses clean will result in immediate revocation of this privilege. Gum chewing is NOT allowed at any time. MP3's and cell phones are allowed to be carried at the students OWN RISK. The use of these items is permitted during 3rd quarter ONLY. If there is an emergency, please see a DIRECTOR or one of the DRUM MAJORS immediately. See the section entitled "Music Toys" for the specific rules regulating use of these wonderful pieces of modern technology.

Behavior

Any product containing tobacco or alcohol is NOT allowed at any time and possession of narcotics is strictly forbidden as well as illegal when under the jurisdiction of Roscoe Collegiate ISD. Do not show up for any rehearsal or performance under the influence of alcohol or any other drug.

(RCHS Student Code Of Conduct)

NO FOUL LANGUAGE – I WILL speak with your parents.

Obnoxious or undignified behavior will result in disciplinary action. No Screaming! This also includes PDA(public display of affection). No contact in uniform will be allowed. (I will speak with your parents immediately)

Remember, you are representing Roscoe Collegiate ISD at ALL times. When with the band, all school rules and policies apply. Let us be proud of ourselves and our action. Remember to give others nothing negative to say about RCHS.

Sign-up sheet

You must sign up for bus seats for all out-of-town trips. NO SWITCHING. Since we sign up for specific bus seats, you must sit in that specific seat. Sign up sheets for bus trips will be posted Monday morning, with the following sign up order:

Monday: Drum major, officers

Tuesday: All other staff members and Seniors

Wednesday: Juniors

Thursday: Sophomores/Freshmen

Friday: 8th Grade

Signing up out of order automatically makes you the last person to sign up. You are to PRINT your full name (first and last). NO NICKNAMES. The writing should be neat and legible. You should decide where you want to sit BEFORE you sign your name.

There will be no changing. Do not mark your name out and change seats. Only band directors and Drum Majors are allowed to change seating.

You are allowed to sign up and mark out your OWN NAME. If you want to reserve the seat next to you for another life form, you are to put parentheses () around the space. No one is allowed to sign in the () unless the seat is reserved for them. If you sign on someone else's spot, you automatically become the last person to sign up. The same goes for crossing out someone else's name.

Upon arrival Friday afternoon, draw a single line through your name on the sheet. Your name should still be readable as this sheet is used to check role. If you can't follow the rules then we will assign you a seat.

******NOTE******

A cleaning crew of 4 people for each bus will be assigned for each trip. It will be done by alphabetical order. Everyone will serve on cleanup crew throughout the year. Don't whine or complain. The alternative is no food or drink on the bus. It only takes one person to mess it up for everyone.

Letter Jackets

Requirements for a Letter Jacket

Must be a junior or senior

Must have completed 2 full years with the Roscoe Plowboy Band beginning with the Freshman year.

Instruments

You are expected to treat school owned instruments properly and with care. You are responsible for repairs not due to normal wear and tear. Please DO NOT repair them yourself. PARENTS: please, please, please, do NOT try to repair your child's horn. I promise you, it will cost you more money to repair what you have "fixed" than you can imagine. You are also responsible for replacement of the instrument if it is lost or stolen – even if left in your car. For additional information, see Instrument loan agreement form. The brand and serial number of all instruments, both school owned and student owned, are to be recorded on each student's information sheet. All instruments may be stored in the shelves provided. They WILL be kept off the floor. The school and the Band Director are not responsible for stolen instruments or personal items left in the Band Hall. Under no circumstances will purses be kept in the Director's office.

Each student is responsible for their instrument being in the designated loading area for all out-of-town trips. FLUTES and CLARINETS GO ON THE BUSES. If the instrument is not in the DESIGNATED area the instrument will not be loaded. Each student is also liable for any repairs due to damage done to an instrument in the stands, even if it is an accident and it is not your horn. Should this happen, notify the Director immediately.

ALL BRASS PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A BLACK SPIT RAG AT ALL TIMES. NOT NEGOTIABLE

Uniforms

Every band member is responsible for checking out a RCHS uniform. Uniforms can only be checked out from a quartermaster. Every student is also responsible for turning in the same uniform. Replacement cost for any lost pieces for the uniform must be paid by the student responsible for the loss.

Uniforms must be treated with care and respect. We are a reflection on our school so we must take care of our uniforms. They must be hung up correctly. PLEASE... no wrinkled uniforms. They will NOT be allowed. You will NOT be allowed to perform. Correct band shoes and LONG Black socks must be worn with the uniform at all times. Wrong socks??? No performance. The shoes must be those specified by the Head Director. Anyone who does not have the approved shoes will need to order them at his/her own expense, when announced. We usually make one order of shoes during summer band. If you elect to order your shoes at a later time, you will also incur the shipping and handling charged for your shoes. These shoes must be cleaned before every performance. The shoes are a part of the uniform inspection process. If you take good care of your shoes, you will be able to use them for more than one year.

Each student is also required to purchase a band shirt that is to be worn under the uniform at all times. The band shirt, band pants, LONG black socks and band shoes comprise the travel uniform. Suspenders must be worn correctly while being worn in public. The travel uniform must be worn on the bus to all out-of-town games unless otherwise specified. At home games, the travel uniform is allowed to be worn in the Band Hall and the area immediately outside. If you go anywhere other than the immediate Band Hall area, the full uniform must be worn (this includes the bus area).

Short pants must be worn underneath the band pant portion of the uniform, but no blue jeans or long pants may be worn. On out-of-town trips, shorts may be worn on the bus on the way home, but you will not be allowed to be worn off the bus until we reach the school. Scrunchies or other hair objects will be purple, white, black, or silver or a combination of the previously mentioned colors.

~~~Minor alterations to make the uniform fit better (hemming ect...) will be done by our approved tailor ONLY unless otherwise specified by the Head Director, but DO NOT CUT ON THE UNIFORM. Major alterations require the approval of the Head Director. The uniform MUST BE HEMMED and not at flood stage!!

~~~ This is Texas and you know what Texas weather can do. It is advised to bring a change of clothes to each football game.

The uniform must always be hung on a proper hanger when not being worn and must be carried in the school-issued garment bag. If you cannot take care of the uniform, you will not be allowed to check one out. This means you lose your post with the performing group. The uniforms are expensive and we will not tolerate them being abused.

NOTE: If your hair is too long, you must put it under your hat. Girls or guys, it is all the same.

DOUBLE NOTE: Quartermasters are to set the example at ALL times.

No jewelry is allowed to be worn while in uniform except watches (provided the watch is removed for the performance). For ear piercers – clear spacers are allowed. At HOME games, you are to have your entire uniform on. For AWAY games, you are to have your travel uniform on (proper shorts and band shirt) and your coat and all accessories easily accessible in your garment bag.

If any part of your uniform is dirty or unsatisfactory, you must correct it before performance time. This includes your shoes being clean. Please remember, to clean your uniform often, don't just stuff it back in the bag after a Friday night performance. Remember... Texas, weather, smells... smells, weather, Texas.

SUMMER UNIFORM: Blue Jeans (no holes) – Belt and current band shirt socks, (white or black) and tennis shoes.

THE CURRENT RCHS BAND SHIRT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PERFORMANCES AND TRIPS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. ALL YEAR.

Hats – turned into Quartermaster after the LAST football game

All concerts----Uniforms

Pep Rally-----Summer uniform unless participating.

You may wear spirit day attire or Athletic/Cheerleading attire as required by the organization.

Check your uniform after **each** performance. If it needs to be cleaned tell the quartermasters. It is your responsibility to make sure the uniform is cleaned. It is not hard to do. All you have to do is give it to the quartermasters and tell them it needs cleaning. We will take care of the rest. **KEEP IT CLEAN!!!!!!**

General Uniform Rules

Must wear current band shirt

If not current band shirt? Past band shirt. (Must stay in full uniform)

No band shirt? A Roscoe shirt. (Must stay in full uniform)

No current band shirt, no past band shirt, no Roscoe shirt? **YOU WILL NOT ATTEND!!!!!!**

Only earrings allowed will be studs. However, they cannot cover the whole earlobe.

NO EARRINGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AT MARCHING CONTESTS.

Challenges

If you wish to move up in your section you must make a formal CHALLENGE and follow these rules.

1. You must challenge one chair at a time
2. The person you are challenging has not won against you twice
3. A lower classification must first perform the required assigned scales at the higher classification level

Chair tryouts are considered a challenge between two (2) consecutive chairs.

In order to challenge, the challenger must acquire the challenge form from a Director. Once the form is obtained, the challenger formally challenges the challengee with a witness present. All three parties will sign and date the challenge form. Once this is completed the form will be returned to the Director. The challengee has Two (2) school days to present a copy of the challenge music to the challenger (the music cannot have been previously played by either party). Both parties will then meet with a Director for a challenge time and date (no sooner than 1 week BUT within 10 days – not school days). Both parties may postpone the challenge once. TIME LIMIT – must reschedule within 2 school days.

If a person loses the chair they may re-challenge provided they have not lost twice. There is a time limit of three (3) school days for the re-challenge. After three (3) school days, a person may be challenged from a chair below them.

If you forfeit a chair you lose all rights to that chair. You can forfeit for one of the following reasons:

1. You fail to show up (twice)
2. You refuse to challenge
3. Challengee does not get the music to the challenger on time (lose the challenge – no forfeit)

The challenge will be judged on mistakes, tone quality, articulation, correct tempo, dynamics and sightreading.

IN EXTREME CASES THE HEAD DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OVERRULE THE CHALLENGE POLICY.

Grades

The following is an explanation of our grading system for the Roscoe Collegiate High school band program.

You will receive a 100 for a daily grade each week on Monday. You will lose five (5) points for each of the following.

No apron

No pencil

No Music/Flip Folder

No chips

Wrong shoes/No shoes

You are late

General Information

Absences

Absences that affect your position in the show are from Monday night rehearsals and/or a Friday night football game as well as competitions and contests. Excessive absences from school may also affect your position. Once you have lost your positions in the show, you become an alternate and must wait for another similar position to open up.

If you are absent from a Monday night rehearsal, you will not perform at the following Friday night half-time. *you will still accompany the band and take part in all other functions. You are allowed two (2) absences from Performances each semester regardless of the reason (see next section). Monday night rehearsals count as ½ performance miss.

If late for ANY rehearsal, check in with the Drum Major or Band Captain. See tardy section.

Students may be allowed to march in the case of extenuation circumstances, at the Council's discretion.

Absence from a performance

Everyone is allowed two (2) performance absences during the fall semester (EXCLUDING CONTESTS... these are MANDATORY) If you miss more than the limit of absences, you will not participate in any other extracurricular activity during the semester (2 absences for rehearsals equal one performance miss). If a student does have more than the stated absences, each will be handled on a case by case basis and must be of an extreme circumstance.

School sponsored activities do not count as a miss. However , League play is not a school sponsored event. It is not excused.

**The Monday night rehearsals are the only rehearsals outside of class.
We need everyone there for every rehearsal.**

Band Shirts

Every student is required to purchase the band t-shirt specified. The Director/Council will what will be allowed on the shirts. Nothing extra is to be added to the shirts.

Band Shoes

Every student is required to purchase the band shoes specified. The shoes, if taken care of, may be used from year to year. An order for shoes will be places during summer band. Shoes must be paid for in advance. If you order your shoes on your own you will pay more due to shipping and handling costs. Starting 2020-21 School Year (NOT FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR)

Band Sweetheart and Beau

Elected by the high school and during the Fall and announced at the Mum Game. The Sweetheart and Beau must be a Senior/Junior/Sophomore, full-time band students and positive team players. They must exemplify outstanding band attitude and preparation.

Black Socks

PLAIN BLACK B.L.A.C.K. socks are the standard covering for the toes. LONG black socks please.

Conduct

If a chaperone or Director reports they saw you do something, then you did it. I will investigate but the students and parents involved with the Roscoe Band Program must understand that the adults are on duty to watch and chaperone the students... not the other way around.

Dry Erase Board

The **first** thing you do anytime you enter the Band Hall is **READ THE BOARD**. DO NOT WRITE ON THE BOARD. I DON'T CARE WHO YOU LOVE.

Music

You are responsible for all music issued to the band. If you are missing a piece of music when folders are issued, you should tell the music librarian immediately and he/she will issue it to you by the next rehearsal.

Rain

In the event of rain, all scheduled outdoor rehearsals will automatically become indoor rehearsals. NO rehearsal or performance will be canceled due to rain unless it is severe weather.

If rain begins before half time, you will also be instructed as to what to do with your instruments at this time.

PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY AND QUICKLY FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

Christmas/Spring Concert

All concerts are wonderful times to showcase the RCHS Music Department. It is mandatory for the class as set down by the TEA Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Band Class. It is a major grade. It is a mandatory performance.

UNIFORMS WILL BE WORN FOR ALL CONCERTS.

Tech Toys

Technology has blessed us with many wonderful pieces of machinery with which to play. These toys may be carried on the bus to out of town games but it is done AT YOUR OWN RISK. The school is NOT responsible for them being lost, damaged, or stolen. These Items are not allowed in the stands, they must be left on the bus. EXCEPTION: Cell phones- however they are NOT to be used except during 3rd quarter.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are permitted during 3rd quarter – if we have 3rd quarter off or while on the bus.

***** IF INTERPRETATION OF THIS HANDBOOK IS QUESTIONED, THE DECISION OF THE HEAD DIRECTOR PREVAILS. *****

Public Display of Affection (PDA)

PDA will NOT be tolerated on Band time or in or around the Band Hall at ANY TIME.

NO bodily contact will be allowed (ex. holding hands, arm around the shoulders or waist, sitting on someone else's lap). You may not share a blanket. Need a blanket? Bring your own. There is a place and time for PDA. Band is neither the place nor the time. Keep your hands off of each other. Couples will not be allowed to sit together on the bus. If we have a problem I will immediately call parents. Please refer to the Roscoe High School Student Handbook for further information.

If you cannot follow the rules
then you will stay home.

Parents

PARENTS PLEASE READ.

READ the Handbook carefully and take the time to discuss the policies and procedures outlined in its pages with your band student. By making yourself familiar with the material contained in its pages should save time down the road for all concerned. Not every situation can be outlined in this Handbook so please keep in mind, that the final decisions affecting the RCHS Band are made at the discretion of the Head Director with what is in the best interest of ALL concerned. A child can be removed from the show if the problems are not solved.

A designated time is given for EACH rehearsal to end and for our return from EVERY out-of-town trip. Please be at the designated location to pick up your child/children up at the times indicated for the event or make arrangements for him/her to ride home with someone else. We are accurate 99.99% of the time, so please work with us on this. The Director would like to be able to go home as soon as possible after a performance as well so please make sure your child/children have transportation to and from Band activities.

If you need to discuss something with me, I ask that you please make an appointment during my conference period. Please email or call me. (tray@roscoe.esc14.net---325-261-1968. If my conference period is not convenient, I will work with you to find a mutually acceptable time. Please remember that Friday night football games and other performances I am doing my job and that this is not the most conducive time to have a conference.

Our band program is a great source of pride for me. However, I cannot do this alone. I ask that you make sure your children are at all rehearsals and performances on time and preferably early. Please make sure that they also have, their section leader's/officer's and the Drum Major's telephone numbers. Post it at home! A parent being late is NOT an excuse. If your child needs a ride, let us know – in plenty of time – and we will find a ride for them. Not having a ride does NOT excuse a student from rehearsal.

You will find schedules for Football Season and for the 2019-2020 school year at the back of the Handbook. While at press time, all dates were accurate, please understand that dates can change based on a variety of circumstances. There is also an IMPORTANT NUMBERS page. Your child will also be given another copy to place on the fridge at home. Also have them place these numbers in their cell phones. It will certainly make things easier for all concerned should they need to make contact with myself or an officer.

I want each and every band member to gain a sense of pride by being associated with the RCHS Band. We need and greatly appreciate your help to create and maintain a winning

tradition and competitive spirit for the RCHS Band. I hope that you support the music programs of Roscoe Collegiate High School Band.

Parent/Student AGREEMENT

I have read the RCHS Band Handbook and will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by said document.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

My child has received a copy of the RCHS Band Handbook and I have read the handbook personally and will reinforce the rules and regulations set forth in the handbook for my child to be a productive and constructive member of the Roscoe High School Band.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

***** HANDBOOK COPY – the actual copy that is signed by both parent and student has been handed out to each student. This is the Handbook copy only*****

What to do if...

1. You must be late or cannot attend rehearsal:
 - a. Call the Drum Major
 - b. Call your Section Leader
 - c. Call an Officer
 - d. Call Mr. Ray

2. Your instrument is not functioning properly:
 - a. See the Director

3. You have lost or don't have the proper uniform:
 - a. See a quartermaster

4. You don't have the proper music:
 - a. See a librarian

5. You have a question about a marching technique:
 - a. See Marching Staff
 - b. Drum Major

6. You have a question about a piece of music:
 - a. See your Section Leader

7. You are not sure how Mr. Ray will react to something and you quite possibly need to bribe him:
 - a. HINT: certain food items are always good – especially Snickers, Almond Joys and Rice Krispies Treats. (He's fat for a reason).

General Rules and Regulations

Don't be on time- Be early!

1. Keep the Band Hall clean and orderly
2. No horseplay in the Band Hall, stands or on the bus
3. Gum chewing is NOT allowed at any time
4. No food or drink (except water) is allowed at any time in the Rehearsal Hall
5. All water must be in a clear container
6. If a bus driver or chaperone tells you to do something, do it immediately
7. After half-time, the band will march to the Spirit Line
8. Play only on your assignment instrument
9. Be respectful to other bands and teams
10. Conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen (NO PDA)
11. Tend to your business on your own time
12. If you break it, you pay for it
13. If the chaperones report to me they saw you do it, then you did it.

Don't be on time- Be early!

NOTE: IF YOU CANNOT FOLLOW THE RULES YOU WILL STAY AT HOME.

Important Numbers

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Band Director | Mr. Ray | 325-261-1968 |
| Drum Majors----- | _____ | ----- |
| Band Captain----- | _____ | ----- |
| Senior Officer----- | _____ | ----- |
| Junior Officer----- | _____ | ----- |
| Sophomore Officer----- | _____ | ----- |
| Freshman Officer----- | _____ | ----- |
| Drum Captain----- | _____ | ----- |
| Flag Captain----- | _____ | ----- |
| Head Quartermaster----- | _____ | ----- |
| Head Loading Crew----- | _____ | ----- |
| Head Librarian----- | _____ | ----- |

If you have complications with obtaining a ride to ANY band performance, you need to contact one of these officers ASAP and we will try to arrange a ride for you. As far in advance as possible. In the circumstance that you do not have a ride, there is no excuse why you can't contact an officer or Mr. Ray.

The sooner we know, the better! Remember, to be early is to be on time, but to be on time is to be late. Let us know! 😊

Schedules



Fall Rehearsal

Each Monday evening there is rehearsal from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. (School holidays excluded)

August-----9

August-----16

August-----23

August-----30

September---6---(HOLIDAY NO REHEARSAL)

September—13

September---20

September---27

October-----4

Absence from a performance

Everyone is allowed two (2) performance absences during the fall semester (EXCLUDING CONTESTS... these are MANDATORY) If you miss more than the limit of absences, you will not participate in any other extracurricular activity during the rest semester (2 absences for rehearsals equal one performance miss). If a student does have more than the stated absences, each will be handled on a case by case basis and must be of an extreme circumstance.

School sponsored activities do not count as a miss. However, League play is not a school sponsored event. It is not excused.

The Monday night rehearsals are the only rehearsals outside of class. We need everyone there for every rehearsal.

MARCHING CONTESTS

**Saturday October-----2----Big Country Marching
Contest @ Wylie HS**

**Monday October-----18----UIL Region Marching
Contest @ Wylie HS**

**Saturday October-----30----UIL Area Marching
Contes @ Amarillo**

**Tuesday November---4-6----UIL State Marching
Contest @ Alamodome**

Football Schedule

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Opponent</i> | <i>Site</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Depart</i> | <i>Return</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Aug. 13 | Menard (Scrimmage) | Menard | 5:00PM | | |
| Aug. 19 | Forsan (Scrimmage) | Forsan | 5:00PM | | |
| Aug. 27 | Hawley | Roscoe | 7:30PM | | |
| Sept. 3 | Stamford | Stamford | 7:30PM | 5:00PM. | 12:00AM |
| Sept. 10 | Miles | Miles | 7:30PM | 4:50PM | 12:10PM |
| Sept. 17 | Christoval | Roscoe. | 7:00PM | | |
| Sept. 24 | New Home** | Roscoe | 7:00PM. | | |
| Oct. 1 | Sudan | Sudan | 7:00PM. | 3:00PM. | 1:00AM |
| Oct. 8 | BYE | BYE | | | |
| Oct. 15 | Ralls* | Ralls | 7:00PM. | 4:00PM. | 12:00AM |
| Oct. 22 | Crosbyton* | Roscoe | 7:00PM | | |
| Oct. 29 | Lockney* | Lockney | 7:00PM. | 3:30PM. | 12:30PM |
| Nov.5 | Hamlin* | Roscoe | 7:00PM | | |

*District

**Mum Night

2020-2021 Band Calendar

August 12—Thursday—Plowboy Preview—Summer Uniform

September 11—Saturday—Region Jazz Tryouts---Lakeview HS

September 25—Saturday—Homecoming Parade---Downtown Roscoe—Line up 9:30am

October 2—Saturday—Big Country Marching Contest---Wylie HS

October 18—Monday—UIL Region Marching Contest---Wylie HS

October 30—Saturday—UIL Area Marching Contest---Amarillo

November 9—UIL State Marching Contest---Alamodome-San Antonio

December 4—Middle School All Region Tryouts---TBA

December 5---Christmas Concert---RCHS Gym

December 11—All Region Band Tryouts—Greenwood HS Midland

January 8—Area Tryouts—Levelland HS

January 14-15 All Region Band Clinic/Concert—Greenwood HS Midland

January 22—Middle School All Region Clinic/Concert

February 28-29 All Region Jazz Clinic/Concert—Lakeview HS

February 19---UIL Region Solo/Ensemble Contest Abilene HS

March 1-2--UIL Concert/Sightreading Evaluation Ballinger HS

April 24---Spring Concert---RCHS Gym

May 28-29-30---UIL Texas State Solo Ensemble Contest—Hendrickson HS Pflugerville

